WOMT Summary for January 25, 2011

The WOMT met and discussed the following:

The DOSS advice to the WOMT and NMFS is for the CVP/SWP to maintain -3500 cfs OMR through Thursday, 1/27 (the 5th consecutive day of the OMR action), and then transition back to an OMR no more negative than -5,000 cfs on Friday, unless a fish trigger is exceeded Tuesday (1/25), Wednesday (1/26), or Thursday (1/27). This will meet the OMR flow and fish density requirements in Action IV.2.3 of the NMFS Opinion and provide enough time for older juvenile salmonids to find their way out of the interior Delta.

NMFS accepts the advice from DOSS and determines that operating to an OMR flow of -3500 cfs from Sunday 1/23 through Thursday 1/27 is consistent with Action IV.2.3 and will provide a sufficient level of protection for older juvenile Chinook salmon residing within the interior Delta.

WOMT will reconvene on Friday, January 28, 2011, if the combined older juvenile loss density is above the trigger density of 3.32 fish/TAF on 1/25, 1/26, or 1/27.